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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION
APPEALS BOARD
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board which provide for abatement of public nuisance at the following locations for approval:

38913 182nd Street East, Palmdale
46417 30th Street East, Lancaster
4303 North Hartley Avenue, Covina
19719 East Avenue G, Lancaster
4727 West Avenue M, Quartz Hill
38857 10th Street West, Palmdale
41754 158th Street East, Lancaster

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99. The Building Code also provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board, appointed by your Board, for the purpose of hearing appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owners be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures which delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions which constitute a public nuisance. It will require the repair of a substandard structure and the removal of trash, junk, debris, inoperable vehicles, and overgrown vegetation from private property.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No negative fiscal impact or increase in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

ADDRESS: 38913 182nd Street East, Palmdale

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003. c) That the structure be repaired per noted defects by October 9, 2003.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building was open and accessible to children, vandalized, and existed as a fire hazard and a threat to public safety and welfare, until it was barricaded, as requested by the Fire Department.
3. The building is dilapidated, apparently abandoned, and damaged by vandals.
4. Doors and windows were broken.
5. The electrical service is missing.
6. The premises contain attractive nuisances dangerous to children, i.e., abandoned or broken equipment, furniture, and junk.

The interior of the building was not readily accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ADDRESS: 46417 30th Street East, Lancaster

FINDING AND ORDER: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.

3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.

ADDRESS: 4303 North Hartley Avenue, Covina

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
5. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
6. Wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 19719 East Avenue G, Lancaster

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, refrigerators, and freezers.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
5. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 4727 West Avenue M, Quartz Hill

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by September 19, 2003, if substantial progress is made, extend to September 29, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003, if substantial progress is made, extend to September 29, 2003.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, refrigerators, and freezers.
4. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.

5. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
6. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
7. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
8. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

ADDRESS: 38857 10th Street West, Palmdale

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003.

List of Defects

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2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, refrigerators, and freezers.
4. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
5. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
6. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
7. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

8. Trailers, campers, boats, and other mobile equipment stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.

ADDRESS: 41754 158th Street East, Lancaster

FINDING AND ORDERS: The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by September 19, 2003, and maintained cleared thereafter. b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by September 19, 2003.

List of Defects

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2. An attractive nuisance dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
6. Trailers, campers, and other mobile equipment stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas.
7. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

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CONCLUSION

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

At such time as this recommendation is adopted, please return an approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel